

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-13 currently appear in this application. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Submitted herewith is the declaration of Hitoshi SATO, a researcher in the field of vitamin D3 preparations. In this declaration, Mr. Sato conducted experiments to demonstrate that the trans form of ED-71 exhibited a relative differentiation-inducing activity of HL-60 cells of 0.1731, which is nearly 20 times greater than that of the parent compound, ED-71.

It is respectfully submitted that the trans form of ED-71 is unexpectedly superior in differentiation-inducing activity to the parent compound, and that therefore the trans form of ED-71 is not obvious over the cited references.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

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